

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 121**

(By Delegates Caputo, Manchin, Barill, Brown, T. Campbell, Doyle, Ferro, Fleischauer, Givens, Guthrie, Hatfield, Hunt, Jones, Lawrence, Longstreth, Mahan, Manypenny, Moore, Morgan, Perdue, L. Phillips, M. Poling, Poore, Swartzmiller, Talbott and Wells)

Calling on our Congressional Delegation to promote and protect Title X funding.

WHEREAS, The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Family Planning Program is an integral part of public health and primary prevention across the state; and

WHEREAS, The West Virginia Legislature finds that family planning promotes the health of men, women and children and the well-being of families and infants; that family planning encourages responsible behavior; that family planning reduces unplanned and teen pregnancy; that family planning reduces the need for abortions and expenditures for high risk pregnancies; and, that family planning allows pregnancies to be wanted and planned when couples are best able to care for their new children; and

WHEREAS, The West Virginia Family Planning Program is supported by federal Title X funding; and

WHEREAS, The West Virginia Planning Program contracts with

1 approximately one hundred fifty-two local county health  
2 departments, primary care and rural health centers, college and  
3 university student health clinics, hospitals and private medical  
4 practices to deliver clinical family planning services to eligible  
5 individuals; and

6 WHEREAS, The West Virginia Family Planning Program annually  
7 serves fifty-seven thousand six-hundred forty-eight West  
8 Virginians, the vast majority of whom are living in poverty and  
9 receive services at no-charge; and

10 WHEREAS, West Virginia received \$2,445,565 in federal funds  
11 from Title X during the 2010-2011 budget year; and

12 WHEREAS, The medical, educational and counseling services of  
13 The West Virginia Family Planning Program clinics are broad  
14 including male and female exams, cervical cancer screening, breast  
15 and testicular screening, STD testing and treatment, counseling on  
16 STD, HIV and AIDS risks, preconception counseling, pregnancy  
17 testing and counseling, referral services, male and female birth  
18 control and male and female sterilization services; therefore, be  
19 it

20 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

21 That The West Virginia Legislature salutes The West Virginia  
22 Family Planning Program for providing vital health services for  
23 West Virginia women, men and families; and, be it

24 *Further Resolved*, That the Congressional Delegation from the

1 State of West Virginia be called upon to do all that it can in  
2 order to promote and protect Title X funding so that such  
3 critically important health programs in our great Mountain State  
4 can continue to serve the needs of West Virginians.